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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE: DRILLING
BY U.S. FIRM

REF: TUNIS 3027

THIS MISSION HAS FOLLOWED THE TUNISIAN/LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF
DISPUTE WITH SOME CARE BOTH WITH AN EYE TO ITALIAN INVOLVEMENT
AND WITH A CONCERN THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE DRAWN MORE
DIRECTLY INTO THE AFFAIR THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS
AND ASSETS BY EITHER SIDE. WE HAVE MAINTAINED A CLOSE LIAISON

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WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS THE CONFRONTATION EVOLVED.
THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM, HOWEVER, SUGGEST WE MAY HAVE MISSED
SOMETHING. THE ITALIANS HAVE BEEN UNDERSTANDABLY WARY FROM
NATURAL MOTIVES OF PROTECTING WHAT ARE PERCEIVED TO BE
IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC NATIONAL INTERESTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES
THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. IT NOW APPEARS INDEED THAT
THE ITALIANS MAY HAVE WIGGLED OFF THE HOOK. UNLESS THERE HAS

BEEN A HIGHER ORDER OF CABLE TRAFFIC TO WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN
PRIVY, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT PERCEIVED THE PROCESS OF MACHIAVELLIAN
CHICANERY BY WHICH THE ITALIANS HAVE DUPED US INTO TAKING THEIR
PLACE AT THE END OF THE LINE. GARDNER

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